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Editorial

THE HORSE'S PRAYER TO HIS MASTER

To Thee, My Master, I offer my prayer; feed me, water and care for me, and, when the day's work is done, provide me with shelter, a clean, dry bed, and a stall wide enough for me to lie down in comfort.

Always be kind to me. Talk to me. Your voice often means as much to me as the reins. Pet me sometimes, that I may serve you the more gladly and learn to love you. Do not jerk the reins, and do not whip me when going up hill. Never strike, beat or kick me when I do not understand what you want, but give me a chance to understand you. Watch me, and if I fail to do your bidding, see if something is wrong with my harness or feet.

Do not check me so that I cannot have the free use of my head. If you insist that I wear blinders so that I cannot see behind me, as it was intended I should, I pray you be careful that the blinders stand well out from my eyes.

Do not overload me, or hitch me where water will drip on me. Keep me well shod. Examine my teeth when I do not eat. I may have an ulcerated tooth and that, you know, is very painful. Do not fix my head in an unnatural position, or take away my best defense against flies and mosquitoes by cutting off my tail.

I cannot tell you when I am thirsty, so give me clean cool water often. I cannot tell you in words when I am sick, so watch me, and by the signs you may know my condition. Give me all possible shelter from the hot sun and put a blanket over me, not when I am working, but when I am standing in the cold. Never put a frosty bit in my mouth. First warm it by holding it a moment in your hands.

And finally, O My Master, when my useful strength is gone, do not turn me out to starve or freeze, or sell me to some human brute, to be slowly tortured and starved to death; but do Thou, My Master, take my life in the kindest way, and your God will reward you Here and Hereafter. You will not consider me irreverent if I ask this in the name of Him who was born in a stable. Amen.

(Translated from Swedish)

(Editor's Note: Following our usual procedure of asking members of your board of directors to write the editorial for the month, we are reprinting the above prayer at the suggestion of John L. Corvi, chairman of the Humane Committee, who is vitally interested in the prevention of cruelty to horses. We feel sure that any of our readers who are familiar with this prayer will appreciate reading it again.)

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Date: Thursday, October 7
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Don Marquis' office, 6283 College St.

SECRETARY'S MAIL BAG

Hi There, Partners:

All you lucky horse owners should have your mounts in good form now that the season is advancing, for each show means that the horses have had that much more training and experience in the show ring.

The next event on the calendar is the Richmond Gold Rush Centennial Horse Show, Sunday, September 26, to be held at the Richmond Union High School at 1:30 p.m. There will be a parade at 12:30 o'clock preceding the show.

The annual San Pablo Rancho Fiesta Horse Show will be held on Saturday, October 2, at 8 p.m. I have entry blanks for this show and will be glad to send them on request.

The Blue Ribbon Show to be held at Santa Rosa, in conjunction with the California State Horsemen's Convention, October 14, 15, 16 and 17, should provide thrills a-plenty and the Junior Eliminations will be a big attraction. There are plenty of entry blanks here at the M. H. A. office to be had for the asking.

Don't forget the One-for-One Club prizes to be awarded at the Open Forum, Thursday, September 30, at Woodminster Clubhouse. Maybe the last few members you sign up will make a difference in your final count. A prize to each lady, man and junior with the most members to his or her credit.

See you at the Convention,

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To test soundness in legs, trot the horse on a hard surface, any variation in cadence means trouble. Trotting him up and down steep inclines will often bring out shoulder weaknesses. The gallop is not a good gait at which to ride a horse when judging for soundness as the horse can take the weight off the affected limb and, due to the triple cadence of the gait, this will not be noticed.

Have another rider ride the animal directly towards you, directly away from you as well as past you. Watch for any peculiarity of gait such as dishing or paddling and for undue motion of the head. Anything that looks wrong is wrong.

Examine the legs carefully for signs of splints, sprains or bowed tendons.

To test the eyesight wave the hand near the eye from behind. Also examine the eye carefully for any discoloration. Animals suffering from ophthalmia retain a characteristic bluish tinge in the eye. White spots may mean injuries which cause complete or partial blindness. Paralysis of the retina sometimes occurs. Bring the horse into the light and see if both pupils contract at an equal rate.

(Reprinted from The Tri-County Horseman)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Each new member is sent a letter requesting that he or she send information concerning himself to the secretary so that they can be introduced to the members. To date very few new members have compiled, so if your name does not appear it's because you didn't send in the information.

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Lois Diglioia	Mrs. William Newton
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Marcia Eggerts	Ronald Rimentel
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OUR COVER

Our sincere thanks this month to Jean Finney for the picture of her palamino, Sandman, pictured on the cover.

Sandman, well known on the park trails, is described as one of the fastest walking horses in the area and was broke and trained by Jean. During the war both horse and owner took part in the mounted patrol riding in the parks.

Jean, long-time member of the M. H. A. and former roving reporter for the Trail Blazer, now manages the Green Barn, on Werner Court, off of Mountain Boulevard, which has recently been completely renovated and now features many modern improvements.

COMING SHOWS

Sept. 30/Oct. 3—Watsonville Fair and Horse Show
Oct. 1—Pasadena Meeting C. S. H. A.
Oct. 2—Healdsburg Meeting
Oct. 3—Yuba City Junior Gymkhana
Oct. 14/17—Santa Rosa Convention and Show
Oct. 23—San Bernardino Horse Show
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INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS

Peace Alvarez hails from South America and rides with the Bridoons at Cressmount. Peace has a lovely Arabian colt and hopes to breed Arabians at her ranch in the future. Like all South Americans, Peace does a mean rumba.

Mrs. William E. Newton rides with the Bridoons and declares "Alex" to be her favorite mount. Her hobbies are music, dramatics and clubwork.

William E. Newton, another member of Bridoons is the chief coffee maker for the group and his other hobby is composing music.

Virginia McChellam rides with Boots and Jeans and works for Naval Air Station in Alameda. Ginny is the proud possessor of a lovely pinto gelding "Comanche."

Benjamin Polis, formerly of Philadelphia, was associated with the famous tailor, John Wanamaker. Mr. Polis finds California a very informal place and says the horsey set does not go in for the riding clothes the way they do in the East. Guess he hasn't been to too many shows or he would see the smartly attired riders mounted on splendid horses.

Dorothy Bouchet pastures her horse near Oak Knoll and rides daily for fun and relaxation. Dorothy goes in for interior decorating, music, and is an enthusiastic dancer.

Lois Digioia rides from Miss Graham's and goes in for sports. Lois is at present recovering from a recent illness, and reports the riding helps a lot.

Mrs. Warren Susan has two lovely mounts, one a palamino, the other a buckskin saddlebred. The Susans have a half acre on Leona Street and built stables for their horses and are now busily engaged in building their home — "the horses came first."

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Membership News

OPEN FORUM TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 30

Ted Dreyer, president, will be in charge of the Open Forum on Thursday evening, September 30, at 8 p.m., when prizes for the winners in the membership contest will be presented as a highlight of the evening. The meeting, expected to attract a record-breaking attendance of members, will be held in the Woodminster auditorium.

Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Dreyer and acquired while they were on their South American trip last winter, the prizes include a beautiful Peruvian bracelet, inlaid with silver and gold, to go to the woman turning in the most members in the contest which officially closes with this meeting. The prize for the man signing up the most members is a preference cigaret box bearing a map of South America. There will also be a prize for the Junior getting the most members, this being a mounted sea horse, also brought from South America by the Dreyers.

The contest, under the direction of Heber Brown, membership chairman, has been very successful and a full report will be given at the Forum meeting. There will also be a report of the trail ride on Sunday, September 26, under the direction of Art Palmer, chairman of activities. The ride was featured by a Bar-B-Q spareribs luncheon served at the "Fire Circle" in back of the fountain at Woodminster Cascade.

Announcements at the Open Forum meeting will include a dance to be held in October, with the time and place to be made known to members by mail at a later date, and the annual dinner dance scheduled for December 3 at the Women's City Club.

Caravan Planning Trek To State Convention

Plans for a trek to Santa Rosa where members will attend the California State Association meeting are being completed, according to information received by Fred Anderson, of the M. H. A.

The group, leaving Castro Valley will join a similar group from Stockton. Anyone desirous of making all or part of the ride is asked to contact either Mr. Anderson or B. C. Porter, 1470 Fruitvale Avenue, Oakland. Telephone KEElog 2-9000.

According to word received, the group planning to come through the Bay Area will join riders from Stockton, and will come via Martinez.

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Marcia Eggerts rides from Walter Finke's, near Temescal, and hopes to have her own horse soon. She reports she has her eye on a lovely chestnut Arabian mare for future use. Marcia attends Technical High and is interested in writing about horses. Hope we can see some of your work in the Blazer, Marcia.

Carol Robinson lives in Willits and enters into riding activities with zest, going in for trail riding, moonlight rides and horse shows. Carol attends high school in Willits and, according to Nancy Davenport, is an accomplished horsewoman.

Ellen Johnston hails from San Jose and attends Oakland High School. Ellen is not too well acquainted in Oakland but hope to see her at the Junior meeting.

Jeanette Digioia rides from Miss Graham's and prefers English riding. Jeanette swims, roller skates and fishes.

Nina Jane Susan attends St. Cyril's in Oakland and is the proud owner of a lovely buckskin saddlebred mare "Miss Q." At present Nina rides western but hopes to learn to ride flatsaddle.

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Cressmount Junior Groups

Pegasus Patrol, Shongehon and Subaltern members back from vacation have been enjoying weekly picnic rides. These bring out much activity in the stable yard for all riders must learn to tie numerous knots, to care for their mounts in the field, and to pack their food and feed.

To prove they are good horsemen, they have learned the horse is to be fed and cared for first. If there is any time left, the riders nibble their sandwiches and mangled fruit. Ask Juanita Gray how she enjoyed that beautiful Elberta peach last week.

The dauntless riders return home heavily encrusted with wet and dry dust over which is festooned, without restraint, oak caterpillars in all stages snuggly entangled in cobwebs spattered with remains of emaciated and gnawed oak leaves. Such is a summer picnic in the hills of California.

The stable yard detail revolves around the wash rack and in the tack rooms. First comes washing of the horse's head, then the rider must jitney him to the wash rack; then comes the brushing and hosing of the horse, followed by the scraping. The horse must then be walked dry and into the stall. While the horses are being bathed, other riders are busy in the tack room washing, soaping, and polishing the tack. All of this is excellent preparation and experience for the Subalterns who are booked for a qualifying test Sunday, October 26, at 2 p.m.

Home From Eastern Visit

Jackie Reim, member of the Pegasus Patrol, has recently returned from a two months' motor trip to the east and both he and his sister, Corrine, who also rides with the Patrol, are the envy of their friends as they tell of their summer's experiences. In addition to visits to New York, Boston and Washington, D. C., and a 9,000-mile motor trip, the Reims enjoyed a tour through Radio City, while in New York, where both Jackie and Corrine were televised. Jackie has been a member of the Patrol for three years and has an accumulation of 13 trophies and ribbons which he has won. Welcome home, Jackie and Corrine.

FALL DATES AT CRESSMOUNT

OCTOBER 10

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Introducing several members of the newly organized Southern Alameda County Horsemen's Club. They are, left to right, Jerry Wilverding, on Blazer; Carl Joseph Rodrick, 6 (the group's youngest member) on his horse, Silver; Verbie Perry, on Salty; Joe Alameda, on Smokie. George Rodrick, on Mable, and Joe Rodrick, on Tucson.

NEWLY ORGANIZED CLUB QUALIFIES FOR BANNER

Highlight of the month is the affiliation in a new group with the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association. The club is to be known as the Southern Alameda County Horsemen's Club.

Boasting a membership of 22, the group, while not yet two months old, has started off in a big way having already qualified for a 100% membership banner in the M. H. A. Much of the credit for interesting these riders in the local association and in obtaining these memberships should go to Tom Mix, long-time member of the M. H. A., who has worked tirelessly to assist the new organization in attaining its goal.

Members Own Horses

According to Tom, all members of the new club own their own horses and several have participated in various shows throughout the area. Regular meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, the club meeting at the Loma Linda cafe, in Decoto, located on the corner of Whipple road and Niles.

Bill Davis heads the group as president, while other officers include Jerry Brown, vice-president; Lloyd Cambea, secretary, and Joe Valenzuela, treasurer.

Youngest Member 6 Years Old

While several of the old-timers, as they style themselves, have participated in calf roping and bronc riding this season and younger members have taken part in calf roping at various shows, there is no more enthusiastic member of the club than young Carl Joseph Rodrick, 6, who owns his own horse, Silver.

The S. A. H. Club is working towards the time when it will have its own corral in which members hope to hold shows and promote amateur contests. Anyone interested in joining this group is invited to attend the meetings.

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Aahmes Shrine Rangers

The Rangers resumed drill practice on August 10th, after a three weeks' rest period, and are perfecting new drill movements in preparation for forthcoming shows.

Fred and Laura Bemis and daughter, Barbara, enjoyed a three weeks' vacation trip to Minnesota, where they visited relatives and friends. En route they toured the parks and spent a pleasant afternoon with the "White Horse Patrol" of Sioux City, Iowa.

A breakfast ride was held by the Rangers and their families in Sequoia Park on Sunday, August 22nd. John Dell was chef and, assisted by Floyd Jacobs and Dave Jones, served a very fine breakfast.

The Centennial Celebration at Martinez on Sunday, August 29th, was really a "Field Day" for the Rangers. They took top honors in the parade, winning the trophy for the "Best Overall Outstanding Parade Group" and also the trophy for the "Best Silver Group." In the games in the afternoon, the Ranger team of five won first in "Broom Polo," first in the "Relay Race," and first for the best overall team in competition. Archie Brown won first for best time in pole bending, Jack Simons second in tilting, and Frank Kelly second in the saddle horse class. The five members entered in the games to represent the Rangers were Frank Kelly, Floyd Jacobs, Archie Brown, Jack Simons and Dr. Campbell. The Rangers carried home a total of six trophies, six blue ribbons and two red ribbons.

With the Leona Riders

August 29th, long anticipated by the Leona Riders for a breakfast ride, proved a memorable date for all who attended.

Dawning hot and sultry, the day proved the kind to make a long ride more of a chore than a pleasure. Too, there were the usual delays that only horses can cause in their efforts to be like brother mule. In spite of the heat and the late riders and Lee Fowler forgetting the coffee pot, the breakfast was cooked and served by Jimmy Wheeler and Margarete Phelps.

Following the meal, Bud Vanier, of Castro Valley, invited the group to his home for a swim. Horses were rushed home and within an hour everyone was in the pool. In the early evening Alverta Vanier served a sumptuous buffet supper. Everyone had one more dip in the pool and the group called it a day. So ended the August breakfast ride!

At the Oakland

The Oakland is sorry to bid farewell to Cherie Mae Winslow and her bay Morgan, Pepper. They are returning to Los Angeles where Cherie Mae attends school. Nancy Danielson and her chestnut thoroughbred, Sir John Edwin, are also leaving for Davis this fall.

Bob Lorimer has added two new school horses for the fall term. One is a brown gelding named Colonel Bill, the other a chestnut gelding, Sir Snuffy.

The Oakland welcomes Jane Wood and her chestnut saddlebred, Murietta's Bronze.

At Cressmount

Recent arrivals at Cressmount include: Peter Panic, alias El Chivo, a brilliant three-year-old which arrived last month from his green pastures at Mrs. R. C. Shand's ranch near St. Helena. Peter is here for concentrated training in the art of keeping his rider comfortably balanced on his back.

Charlan, a golden chestnut, true thoroughbred quality, is a recent gift to Lois Ann Blemer, from her father, Dr. John Blemer, of Danville.

Colonel, a well educated black and white pinto that is both a clever trick horse and pleasure horse. Chris Gudnason, of Oakland, worried his parents into buying Colonel for him at the close of a vacation in Santa Cruz. Chris will be an envied member of the Junior riders and can do credit to Colonel's agility at any gait.

Gold Cargo is still another chestnut, and the latest addition to the Cressmount school string. He arrived looking exceedingly battered, and very hungry but is well on the way to added poundage.

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With the Boots and Jeans

Paul Brewer was elected president of the Boots and Jeans Club at the fall election held September 1 at the Big Bear. Others named to serve with him were Mae Dwyer, treasurer; Barbara Brown, secretary; Leroy Lampton, sergeant at arms; Dutch Cummins, reporter; Harold Cummins, chairman of rules and by-laws committee, and Bill Charette, Alice Peterson and Julie Hoey, entertainment committee.

Games, dancing and good food will feature the September social to be held at Sequoia bowl.

Dutch Cummins and Barbara Brown rode in the Concord-Mt. Diablo trail ride, Dutch placing sixth in the heavyweight division. Barbara's horse had bad luck, pulling a tendon the first day of the ride.

The riding group made its first public appearance at Concord on September 6th entertaining with the square dance on horseback. They were given a beautiful trophy for their performance.

The Circle O boys (also members of the Boots and Jeans) deserve a lot of thanks for furnishing the music for the square dance and also for the parade. Paul Brewer announced the parade and called the square dance at the show grounds.

With the Lari-ettes

The Round-Up, on Redwood road, is announced as the scene of the annual Halloween dance for the Lari-ettes to be held October 28. Tickets may be purchased at the Round-Up, at the various local riding stables or from members of the club. Due to the strict police laws anyone under 21 of age will not be allowed to attend.

The Lari-ettes participated in the Oakland preview parade for the historical pageant, "Glory in the Land," presented at the Woodminster Amphitheater in Joaquin Miller park. They also took part in the Concord parade and horse show and in the Martinez parade, where they received a first place trophy for first in the women's western division. At Concord, Carmel Himmelmann, on Monte, took first in the trail class and also captured first at the San Mateo gymkhana show. Ruby Welch on Ribbon, took first at Stockton in the pinto class and second in the trail class and Geneva Menicucci's filly, Snap Shot, took first in the quarter horse class.

Margaret O'Brien and Ethel Alberts are new members of the Lari-ettes.

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Upson Downs at Cressmount

Election of officers marked the first business meeting of the year for the Upson Downs Riding Club, held September 15. Named to serve the group in an executive capacity were Gia Abel, president; Mary Gale, secretary, and Lorraine Lacerda, treasurer.

The new semester will get underway on October 6 and promises a season of fun for the members. Before any rider is a member in good standing he or she will be given a qualifying test on practical knowledge of horses, equipment, how to treat simple ailments, drill terms and other data pertinent to being a good horseman. The club plans to hold a gymkhana once a month, and will devote time to a formal drill to be presented at a coming horse show; have equitation, trail rides, picnics, and occasional "cubbing" expeditions. There will also be exchange rides with other riding groups in the area.

The club has been well in the "down" stage numerous riders fluttering there and thereabouts. Gia Abel and Lorraine Harris, despite the demands of their young ones, find time to ride both being blessed with the "one in a million" husbands who believe that mother should have some time off; Bug Bahnsen is keeping fit for his long expected flight to Arabia or — and concentrates on leaping to and at Don Evans' farm where Phyllis and John Thiel also are going higher and higher. Margo Brewer felt obliged to take a vacation and is now occupied with final instructions to her champion setter proteges prior to the next dog show.

Sue Brixner and family are moving to Baltimore and how those who love to jump will envy the fact that she will be in the Green Spring Valley. Coline Chilson changed her name and residence; Mary Gale took a week's vacation at the family ranch near Davis so she could catch up on her home work; Juanita Gray paid homage to Cressmount by taking her vacation in and around the premises, a daily schedule of dressage, jumping, trail riding, and a bit of evening class, having kept the school horses well exercised and incidentally developing considerable skill in the rider.

Mary Lou Hutton is threatening to give up horses so her brain can develop and Win Johnson, though loyal to her Pariani, is admitting publicly a growing interest in—no, not that—but in a stock horse. Betty La Boyteaux continues to knit. We rejoice she can do it on the fly now—soon we hope it will be on the horse. Ells La Boyteaux suppresses his equestrian enthusiasm very subtly. Lorraine Lacerda and Bob McCarthy are busy following the shows and eating turkey sandwiches. At odd moments they are letting Bill Ray develop jumping muscles for a busy cubbing season.

Willis Nuttal seems to have discovered something more appealing than a horse, while Jim Ormond has discovered his dream horse at the Oakland Riding Academy. Don Schimley, when not laying linoleum or spreading paint, always has time for a ride. In the meantime he is getting some facts together for organization of a riding club.

An unidentified reporter strolled into the Umbrella to see a gentleman struggling with out-cropping knees and upsprung heels. He was advised to post without stirrups to prove pressure on stirrups was unnecessary. Confidentially he abandoned the stirrups and beligerently attacked the spurs with eager determination. However, the knees failed to engage and a playful pitch brought the horse and rider neck to neck. From under there came a frantic appeal, "My — (and it wasn't 'dear') how do you stop this horse?"

Cressmount is really well oiled for fall activities, fresh oil having recently been applied to the outside ring, and fresher oil in the umbrella. A few new jumps are to be seen on the campus and will add to the cross country chase. Incidentally, a long distance call from New York, via the Fox Hunting Association, inquired about the possibilities of a recognized hunt.

At the Don Evans Stable

Sandra Logue and Sally Allen, who have been riding at the Don Evans' Stable, took their horses, Lady Weston, Toy Storm, Snow Storm and Triple Diamond to the state fair, at Sacramento, and came home with several ribbons.

Riding Triple Diamond, Sandra Logue took second in the ladies' hunters class; and fourth, riding Toy Storm in the working hunters cross country, lightweight class. In the hunters lightweight Triple Diamond, with Sandra up, was judged fourth while Sally, on Lady Weston, won seventh in this same class. Sally, on the same horse, won fourth in hunters, owners, to ride; Sandra, on Triple Diamond, was fourth and Sally on Lady Weston was fifth in hunters, amateurs.

In working hunters stake, Sandra and Toy Storm were tenth and in the Thousand dollar hunter stake Sandra, on Triple Diamond, captured eighth. In jumpers, touch and out, Sandra and Snow Storm took fifth, after a jump off with Coin Collector.

In the colorful cross country hunter teams class, held inside the race track on Saturday afternoon, Sandra Logue rode Toy Storm and Sally Allen, Lady Weston, while Virginia Grant, of Sacramento, rode Triple Diamond. This team won second place. The Don Evans tack room won second and his groom first at the fair.

At the Private Stables

Rocking Horse Stables

Labor Day proved to be a lucky day for the Rocking Horse Stables. Sunwin, chestnut thoroughbred hunter was entered in the Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail Ride, and was ridden by Ed Fowler in the junior division. Sunwin placed second, and Ed came in first for his horsemanship during the ride. Later in the day Rock 'N' Rye took a second in working hunters and a fourth in open hunters.

The following week-end the Fowlers, in Sacramento, played host to a group of ten that drove up to attend the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore C. Wood, of Concord, have a well balanced show stable of fine horses at their estate, the historic Ted Horning breeding farm. This farm was formerly the home of such noted thoroughbred stallions as Grim Reaper, Wiki Jack and Porter's Might.

The present farm is composed of a beautiful Spanish house, two stables of 24 box stalls, and 22 acres. The thoroughbreds now on the farm are Mangler, a chestnut thoroughbred stallion, by the great Bridgidoon; Countess Jess, a chestnut race horse, who has raced in several meets this year and won seven races, and Camille, a chestnut thoroughbred model hunter, in foal to Mangler.

Tahtoo is a bay thoroughbred four-year-old mare, now in training at the Barbara Worth Stables. Her rider has dubbed her "Queen of the Leaky Roof Circuit," because she has only been exhibited in the small shows. This season she won first at Galt, first at Siskiyou County Fair, first at Shasta County Fair, first at Sacramento Riding Club, and three firsts at the Hay Fork, Trinity County Fair.

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Dot Ann, their flashy bay entry in the thoroughbred roadster classes, is in training at the Earl Farshler Stable. Their latest acquisition in driving horses, is the diminutive pair of coal black hackney ponies, named Speculation and Speculator. These ponies were brought from the east and have only been driven by their new owners three times. At the state fair they took third, in open singles, driven by Mr. Woods; fourth in ladies' pairs, driven by Mrs. Wood, and third in tandem.

In the saddlebred division of their stable they have:

King's Cascade, a registered three-gaited combination mare, Japsie, Bad Penny, and Alma Lass are all saddlebred mares in foal to Mrs. Anderson's stallion, Destiny Bay. Margo, also a chestnut saddlebred mare, is the dam of a beautiful colt named Margo's Destiny, sired by — well, guess who?

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Fall Dates at Cressmount

Several events are scheduled for the fall season at Cressmount beginning with the Riders' Rally, to be held October 10 at 10 a.m. and at 2 p.m. This is said to be a not-too-serious horse show for members of various riding clubs at Cressmount. Luncheon will be served between performances to riders, friends and families.

October 17 will feature the first exchange ride with the Stirrup Club, of the St. Francis Riding Club. Both performances will be open to the public.

On September 23 at 4 o'clock, there will be Bit and Spur hospitality as a welcome to the Mills College girls and a try-out for the riding club.

Things have been buzzing around the B-H ranch as the summer season of horse shows and fairs is now in full swing.

In Pleasanton at the recent county fair, Barton Heller took third place in the junior stock horse class on Rainbow, and Meredith Burgess took fifth place in the same show in the trail class on Bonanza.

Two weeks later the same horses were entered in the Sacramento County Fair at Galt. Meredith Burgess took first in the lightweight trail class on rainbow and second in the grand sweepstakes. This win qualifies all of the B-H riders for the state show at Santa Rosa. Harlene and Barton Heller previously qualified on Rainbow and Bonanza.

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**Thoughts from the Old Timer of the
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A woman's age is like a second hand car; the speedometer's been set back but you don't know just how far.

The crime wave started with the passing of the old wood shed.

A long skirt is long prohibition — the joints are still there but they're probably hard to find.

Best of the comic strips is the one seen on any beach in the summer time.

Our Country Cousins

A farmer had a fine horse which another farmer wanted to buy but wouldn't sell it. Day after day, the prospective purchaser would raise his price until it got to \$200. But the farmer still refused to sell. One day the horse died.

The farmer went to his neighbor and asked if he still wanted to buy the horse. He did. The farmer took the \$200, gave his neighbor a receipt and told him the horse was in the pasture and he could call for it when he wanted.

The neighbor came and took the horse away and for a week nothing was said about the deal. At last the farmer who sold the dead horse got curious and asked his neighbor why he hadn't made a fuss about being cheated.

"Oh, that was all right," the neighbor said. "I made money on it. Went to town and raffled it off. Sold 500 tickets at \$1 a piece and made \$300."

"But what about the fellow who won?" the farmer asked. "Didn't he holler?"

"Sure," the neighbor said, "so I gave him back his dollar."

The man selected a \$500 horse, paid for it and had it delivered to his third floor apartment, ordered it shot and placed in his bath tub.

When asked the reason for his strange actions he replied, "My name is Joe. Every night my roommate comes in and asks, 'Whatta ya know, Joe?'"

"I never know a thing, but tonight I am going to tell him about the dead horse in the bath tub."

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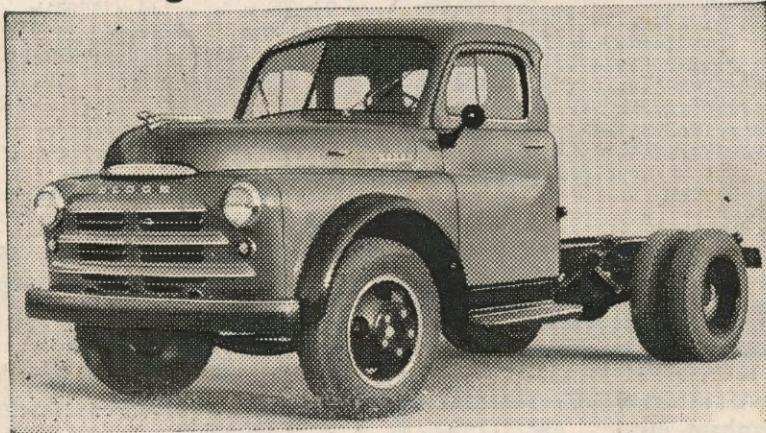
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